

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicants : Noriko Nagahori et al.
Application No. : 10/594,848
Filed : October 7, 2008
For : MASS ANALYSIS METHOD USING FINE METAL PARTICLES

Examiner : Xiaoyun Xu
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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Commissioner for Patents:

In response to the Restriction Requirement dated July 12, 2010, applicants hereby elect Group II, claims 4, 13, 15-18, 20 and 21, drawn to a method for performing mass spectrometry of a sugar chain or a sugar chain-containing substance, for examination at this time.

Claims 4, 13, 15-18, 20 and 21 read on this election. The Examiner has indicated that Claim 1 is generic and thus requires a species election for searching such that Claim 1 will be limited to that species if no generic claim is found allowable. As Applicants are electing Group II, which does not include generic Claim 1, it is believed that no species election is required.

Consideration of the elected claims is now requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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